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Opening the Olympics



Olympic torchbearer Robert Yamich and John Marino at St. Philomena Catholic School's opening ceremonies last Friday. The day started with a question and answer period and was followed by several outdoor activities on the school's grounds. Our Lady of Victory Catholic School also held opening ceremonies on the same day.

St. Luke's being paid back for fees

Annunziata says it's a nice gesture, but improper spending

she knows it has been an extremely tough time for members and everyone else associated with the place of worship.

She said the roles of churches in the community are paramount and supporting them, especially during such a difficult time, should be an easy decision.

Kris Dubé
The Times

Despite some concern, the local government will be doing a favour for St. Luke's Lutheran Church during its efforts to rebuild from a devastating fire from March of 2009.

Town council voted in favour of providing a \$9,645 re-imbursment for expenses already paid by the church in Ridgeway for site planning and minor variance applications, along with building permit fees.

Ward 5 Coun. Martha Lockwood said it was an easy decision to exempt the local church from this financial obligation because

"Churches are great neighbours and they're great stewards to the community," she said at Monday's council-in-committee meeting.

Ward 1 Coun. Sandy Annunziata disagrees with Lockwood, saying this will set an example that the Town will help anyone going through financial hardships. Considering today's economic times and the fact that there isn't money in the budget for this giveaway, he feels the decision made by council as a whole is inappropriate.

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Church to be built by November

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"I don't see this as a reasonable request, despite their contributions to the community," said Annunziata.

He continued by saying he doesn't see the justification in forgiving over \$9,000 of government money, considering the Town is a corporation and should be operated like a business that focuses on increasing revenue, instead of giving money away.

In a perfect economic climate, he said, it would be wonderful if council could fulfill every request but realistically they can't.

"Leadership sometimes is about saying no, just as often as it is saying yes," said Lampman.

Vice-chair of St. Luke's church council Ron Lampman said construction on the new church that has been contracted for \$696,700 will begin very soon and is expected to be complete by the end of November.

The former church was two-stories tall but its replacement will be built at grade, addressing some of the concerns from church members about accessibility.

"The congregation has been very sensitive to making certain the facility is handicap accessible," said Lampman.

He continued by saying himself and the church's membership are thankful for the recent decision made by council to appreciate the long-standing and important role the church has played in Greater Fort Erie for so many years.

"The congregational family of St. Luke's is grateful of the mayor and council for recognizing the 98-year contribution we've made to the community," said Lampman.

Go Canada Go!



Ward 1 Coun. Sandy Annunziata helped fill the halls of Our Lady of Victory School with some Canadian pride on Friday by showing students his Olympic torch replica he earned by being a torchbearer in Niagara Falls.

Diane and Allan Tenny

Diane and Allan children are grown but they wanted to keep kids in their lives. Being "Surrogate Grandparents" by a couples match with Big Brothers Big Sisters was the right choice.

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Road System Master Plan complete

A detailed study of local roads has been conducted by a third-party consultant, determining the amount of money that needs to be spent over a number of years to keep them up to code.

The Road System Master Plan, completed by the Delcan Corporation, includes several recommendations related to capital investment, best operational practices and legislative requirements.

The 10-year capital replacement program recommended by the consultant identifies an

annual investment of approximately \$1.7 million from the municipality. The 2010 capital contribution to the road reserve, approved by council in December, is approximately \$1 million.

Fort Erie's road network is slightly over 409 kilometres in length. Paved roads make up 86 per cent of the road network and the difference of 14 per cent consists of what are referred to as loose surface roads in the report.

Need for improvements were established

on the basis of a detailed visual inspection and the subsequent application of a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) methodology.

This rating provides a measure of the road segments and their current condition within the network.

There are two condition measures used in the PCI process which are a ride comfort rating and a distress manifestation index.

The report has been made available on the Town of Fort Erie's website.

Front yard Olympics



Seven-year-old Graham Thebaud, left, and his five-year-old sister Alyssa in front of their home on Bellview Avenue in Ridgeway after putting the finishing touches on an Olympic-themed display made from snow and food colouring. Graham said he is looking forward to the Bobsled event.

Water Quality report approved by council

A recent study has shown that local water quality meets government standards.

The Town of Fort Erie's water quality report for 2009 was presented through a report and approved by council on Monday, highlighting the testing conducted to assure residents it's OK to drink water that pours out of their tap at

home.

In the microbiological stage of the study, there were no instances of bacteria found in the 524 samples taken to determine levels of E. Coli, coliforms, or water quality deterioration made evident in a heterotrophic plate count.

There were also zero cases of the water being tainted by trihalomethane,

which is a by-product of chlorination or a reaction of contact between chlorine on organic matter.

There were only two cases of lead being present in the system, the result of corroded plumbing systems or the erosion of natural deposits in Lake Erie's water. Four cases of a chlo-

rine residual were caught in the study also.

The study is mandatory under Ontario's Safe Drinking Water Act and the data presented is taken from samples collected in 2009.

The full report is available on the Town's website and at Town Hall.

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The Real Ronald



Ronald McDonald made his Olympic stop in Fort Erie on Family Day, sitting down to visit with six-year-old Danielle Landey.

Arts Council gives back



Weiland resident Nancy Lessard accepting Ridgeway artist Rey Baehrer's piece titled "Crystal Clear 2" which she won in a draw from the Fort Erie Arts Council's Red Ribbon Art Exhibit and Sale's fundraising gala earlier this month. The pastel painting was presented to her at the local art group's gallery at the From Cover to Cover Bookstore in Ridgeway.

BILL 168 is LAW

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Bill 168 passed legislation on December 15, 2009 amending the "Occupational Health and Safety Act" with respect to violence and harassment in the workplace.

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Ridgeway resident looking for spot on council

Kris Dubé
The Times

When John Hill moved back to the Niagara area a few years ago, he knew he wanted to give back to the community in some way, shape or form.

Last week, he officially decided he might be able to do this by running for municipal council in Ward 4, the Ridgeway-Thunder Bay area.

He grew up in Chippawa before attending Brock University. After graduation, he relocated to the Greater Toronto Area for a management position in the automotive sector prior to being transferred to Western Canada for his job.

He then moved back to Toronto and then Ridgeway when he decided to retire.

Even though he has lived in many areas of the country, Hill said he and his wife, who is from Port Colborne, never lost touch of how appealing the Niagara area is and always knew there was a chance they would call it home again.

"Throughout our travels across Canada, we never lost sight of just how breathtaking and beautiful this area is, and all the wonderful things it has to offer its residents and visitors alike," said Hill.

Hill has been no stranger to local issues, as he has made several delegations at council meetings on topics such as the Ridgeway-by-the-Lake subdivision, the Crystal Beach Gateway Project and the Canadian Motor Speedway.

He said during his campaign he wants poe-

ple to know that he will be there to listen to his constituents if elected to office, leaving the lines of communication wide open.

"I'm a big advocate of communication back to residents," he said.

Although it is very early in the campaign and he doesn't plan on getting more aggressive until around September, he still wants to get his name and face out to the public so they can begin to know what he plans to do if elected.

"They'll know who I am, what I'm about and they can decide whether or not they want me to represent them," said Hill.

Tim Whitfield will have served his first term in Ward 4 when the October 25th election rolls into town. He has not yet registered at Town Hall.

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Ridgeway resident John Hill has registered at Town Hall to run in the Oct. 25th election in Ward 4. Hill says he wants to open the lines of communication with residents during his campaign and even more so if he is elected. The incumbent, Tim Whitfield, has yet to register.

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our editorial

Start paying attention to council candidates

Even though the municipal election is several months away, it isn't too early to start paying attention.

The next elected council will have at least two new members as Ann-Marie Noyes' spot in Ward 6 will be up for grabs since she will be running for mayor and Sandy Annunziata will be stepping down from his role in Ward 1, hoping to get the local Conservative bid for this riding in the next provincial election.

Two councillors who are currently in office have announced they will be running again, and two new individuals have come forward saying

they want to be a part of the local council.

It's likely that candidates will wait until the election is closer to start campaigning and going door-to-door explaining why they are the right choice. But there is no better time than now to start paying more attention to local issues so when it comes time to vote, an educated decision can be made.

The current council has made a lot of progress and has been criticized at the same time for some decisions made.

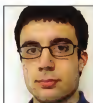
Pay attention and get a headstart on your choice.

Do You Remember?



Thank you Charles Davies for sharing your memories and knowledge with us about the Tait family in last week's photo. This multi-generation photo taken in the 1930's shows George Tait centre holding his granddaughter Muriel with her parents May and Bill Tait standing behind. George Tait served as Reeve of Bridgeburg in 1898 and Bill Tait served as Town clerk in the 1930's. Charles also remembers George Tait as the man who gave him a nickel in the Depression; a great sum of money in those days. This week's picture shows a group of ladies all proudly wearing corsages. The only name we have is Shirley Ryan. Does anyone know which one she is or the names of the other women? Please call the museum at 905 894-5322 (museum@forterie.on.ca)

Vancouver Winter Games doing more for Canada than any other Olympics



Matt Day
Reporter's Notebook

So there I was. Standing in the middle of Zellers, lost, confused, saddened. I had procrastinated too much and missed out on my chance to own an authentic Canada 2010 Winter Games hoodie. I guess it was expected as those and the famous red mittens seen all over

TV and Canada are in extremely high demand.

Not a problem I thought. I would just resort to some internet shopping from the comforts of my own home...

So there I was. Sitting in the comforts of my own home, confused and once again saddened.

Those sweaters were sold out... everywhere. The only place I found one of the hot items was on eBay, but I wasn't about to fork over \$200 for a \$40 sweater. There are plenty of other ways to show off my Canadian pride, rather than paying a 500 per cent mark up on a piece of clothing.

If there's one thing I realized about Canada and its people lately, it's the amount of pride we are showing to the rest of the world thanks to the Vancouver Winter Games.

Before, we were known as a modest bunch of Canucks. But now, I think these games are beginning to instill a sense of identity for the Great White North.

Never before has there been so much genuine honour in living in this amazing country.

We're seeing it everywhere. Local businesses using their signs to cheer on Canada, red and white being worn everywhere

and every other commercial on TV has something to do with encouraging our athletes.

Hosting these Olympics could be one of the best things for this country.

You can't go a whole day anymore without hearing about one of Canada's accomplishments in the games and it's a great feeling.

For all my pride I have been extremely proud to be Canadian and was never afraid to show it.

Whether it was covering my first car with maple leaf decals or running into Fort Erie Secondary School as a teenager with a large flag and Canadian

novelty hat after we had won the World Junior Hockey Championships, my friends know about the love I have for this country.

And lately, it seems more and more people are finally showing off their true colours as well.

We hear about how Canadians aren't as passionate about our country as our neighbours to the south, but just try going anywhere in town and not engaging in a conversation with someone about our latest gold.

We've been gearing up for these Olympics ever since the mid 2000s. Since then, the passion has grown more and more.

Now with the games finally here, and the whole world watching, we are just proving why this is the best country on earth.

I can only hope after the Olympics are all over and done with that this attitude continues.

I also can only hope that maybe, one day, I will get my hands on one of those hoodies after the demand has gone down.

In the mean time, for anyone out there reading this who wants to help me out in my search, I'm a men's medium.

If you want to leave me feedback, you can call me at 905-871-3100 ext. 208 or send me an email to mday@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

Reader appalled by treatment received at GNGH

Dear Editor,

Recently, my elderly aunt suffered a stroke. After reading Mrs. McNaughton's letter in the *Times*, I felt compelled to share our similar experience.

We arrived at Douglas Memorial where we were quickly met at the doors by a nurse. My aunt received excellent care by all staff. The doctor and nurses kept us informed about her condition and prepared for her transport to GNGH for what they described as "immediate attention" and a much needed scan.

They also impressed upon us the importance that she see someone immediately as there is specific treatment window following a stroke.

Well, GNGH closed that window of opportunity quickly.

My aunt arrived at GNGH at 11:00 p.m. and did not see a doctor until 5:00 a.m. the next morning.

Thank God I didn't leave her side (although staff preferred I leave) as she was confused and unable to speak. When I inquired about a doctor examining my aunt, I was told she had to wait her turn. I watched all night long, as patients were examined and treated, while my aunt drifted in and out of consciousness and that "window of treatment" closed.

In the end a doctor arrived at 5 a.m. the next morning, with no chart, trying to ask my aunt questions when she was unable to speak.

Nurse after nurse came in, to look at her, but not one offered her an additional blanket or a drink. I was threatened to be thrown out when I took a blanket off a shelf for

my aunt. If you must go to GNGH do not go alone.

You need someone to be your voice, even when staff try to silence you. After 1 day in a hospital room, she was discharged with no concrete diagnosis or home care in place.

Suddenly staff decided my 89 year old aunt was OK to leave after communicating to me that she would be in hospital for 2 weeks for testing and treatment.

I was assured that a plan for her care would be in place prior to discharge. That was not the case. The Niagara Health System is not a positive nor a safe system. Continue to fight for Douglas Memorial, your life may depend on it!

Rebecca Parton
Fort Erie

The **TIMES** Asks

Does following the Olympics make you more proud to be a Canadian?



Stacey Bourdon



Tara Felt



Emile Spadzinski



Grant Speight

"It means me very proud. It's great to see Canadians supporting their athletes."

"It's great and it brings out the patriotism in everyone."

"It's great to see Canada doing as well as they are and it increases the patriotism of the entire country."

"I'm not much of a sports fan, but I'm always a proud Canadian."

What do you think?

E-mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

Reader responds to editor's recent comments on skatepark issue

Dear Editor,

Recently the Editor made comments about what the Skate Park could do for the young people of our Town, the idea of a skate park for Fort Erie's children seems like a great idea, on the face of it, what could be better than children enjoying the open air and interacting with other kids with the same love of skate boarding?

But the other side of a skate park is not so nice. Black Creek Community Centre had

a skate park for many years, what started out as a wonderful program, soon turned into a nightmare for our Community Centre.

The older children or adults broke the locks to the park, also threw the trash containers onto the site, debris and broken glass littered the ramp area, graffiti sprayed on the buildings, children refusing to wear protective headgear, larger kids bullying smaller kids out of the park, ramps stolen by thieves, after dark windows smashed by beer

bottles at the Centre, also as a "Johnny on the Spot" set on fire by arsonists. There were older kids riding mountain bikes on the ramps, putting younger children at risk of injury. The Town will need lots of extra liability insurance to lower the financial liability to our Corporation. The Town of Fort Erie. I feel the Town could regret their decision to locate a skate park so close to Town Hall.

George Jardine
Steevesville

Dear Editor,

I thank the Town for illustrating quite clearly the planned development for Bay Beach in their ads recently.

It clearly represents the facts given to all of the concerns. It will in fact create an open "vista" or "view" to the lake, something that has been missing for over a century. It also clearly illustrates a first class development that every-

one in Greater Fort Erie can be proud of.

A place to visit, a place to work, a place to play, a place to come and feel proud that yes we have come a long way, a place to call home.

Thanks to the fortitude of our present Council and Mayor, this plan quite vividly will ensure the rebirth of a town that needs an injection of real growth and positive direction.

Many of us that are in

favour of this development think that everyone in Greater Fort Erie deserves the best and this first class development is second to none.

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Sam Koutroulakis
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PUBLIC NOTICE

(1) BY-LAW TO ADOPT 2010 WATER AND SANITARY SEWER BUDGET AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER AND SEWER RATES

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 291 (4) of the Municipal Act, 2001 the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to consider a by-law at its meeting of Monday February 22, 2010 to adopt the 2010 Water and Sanitary Sewer Budget AND that pursuant to Section 270 (1) (4) of the Municipal Act, 2001, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to pass a by-law at its meeting of Monday February 22, 2010 to increase the water and sewer rates associated with the distribution, collection and treatment of water and wastewater. The current and proposed rates are as follows:

"per cubic metre"	2010 Water Rates	2009 Water Rates	2010 Sewer Rates	2009 Sewer Rates	2010 Combined Rate	2009 Combined Rate
Base Rate	\$ 22.08	\$ 20.91	\$ 35.52	\$ 35.99	\$ 57.60	\$ 54.90
Consumption Rate*	\$ 0.978	\$ 0.926	\$ 1.030	\$ 0.986	\$ 2.008	\$ 1.912

Council met on January 27, 2010 in a Public Budget Meeting to consider the 2010 water and sewer rates.

All water and sewer related fees and charges as provided for under By-law No. 36-09 are proposed to increase proportionately according to the table above including base rates for various meter sizes.

The total combined increase per typical customer using 16 cubic metres per month is \$4.23 or 4.95%.

Rationale

The proposed Town's 2010 Water and Sewer Budget, includes gross billings of \$14.6 million for Fort Erie water/sewer customers. The increased customer billing rates for 2010 are based on estimated billings for treatment costs from the Region of Niagara of \$6.5 million. The Region intends to correlate the water treatment rates on March 25, 2010.

The new rate structure reflects Council's commitment to the replacement of water/sewer pipelines and programs to eliminate basement flooding and sewer overflows in the environment and to reduce ground water infiltration into the system.

For more information please go to the Town's website at www.forterie-on.ca under the 2010 Budget banner. Further inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Helen Chamberlain, Director of Financial Services at ext. 2300 (hchamberlain@forterie-on.ca).

Before passing the by-law to adopt the 2010 water and sanitary sewer budget and to increase the water and sanitary sewer rates, Council will hold a public meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, at which any person who attends has an opportunity to make representation with respect to the matter.

Any person interested in appearing before Council as a delegate at its meeting of February 22, 2010 to address the 2010 Budget must register with the Clerk's Office by calling 905-871-1600 on, Tuesday 3:00pm Friday February 19, 2010, or by extension unit, 3:30pm Monday February 22, 2010.

Carolyn J. Kelt, Town Clerk
ckelt@forterie-on.ca

Dated at Fort Erie, Ontario this 16th day of February 2010.

Carolyn J. Kelt, Town Clerk
ckelt@forterie-on.ca

Helen Chamberlain, Director of Financial Services
hchamberlain@forterie-on.ca

(2) TOWN OF FORT ERIE 2010 INCREMENT TAXES FOR ALL PROPERTY CLASSES FIRST INSTALLMENT DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010

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Finance Department, Municipal Centre, Fort Erie, Ontario

Gillian Corney
Manager of Revenue & Collections

(3) COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OWNERS

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Gillian Corney
Manager of Revenue & Collections

(4) NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON STREETS

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Carolyn J. Kelt, A.M.C.I.T., Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

(1) FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY - CONTRACT POSITION Program Assistant - Kid's Quest After School Program

The Fort Erie Public Library Board seeks a part-time Program Assistant for the Kid's Quest After School Program. This position is a three-month contract position for the remainder of the 2010 school year program with a potential for renewal of the contract for the 2010-2011 school year program. The Program Assistant works two afternoons a week.

The successful candidate will possess:

- A post secondary education, BA preferred
- A minimum of two years experience working with school age children is required.
- Good communication, organizational and interpersonal skills

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- Reading/Research

Email resume to: Maria Brignone, Acting CEO mbrignone@forterie-library.on.ca

DEADLINE DATE: Friday, February 19, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.

(2) SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT (April 15 - October 15) Competition #03-2010

The Corporation is now accepting applications for summer student employment opportunities in the following service areas:

- Parks, Cemeteries, Facilities and Roads Labourers
- Horticulture
- Museums - Research and Operations
- Engineering Support
- Office/Administration

Full details and an application form can be viewed at www.town.forterie.ca, "Town Hall", then click on Employment Opportunities. The form is also available at Town Hall and the Gibson Centre. Send the application form and a resume to: SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT, Human Resources, Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L7A 2S6. E-mail: hr@town.forterie.ca or 905-871-1600 ext. 2300 (if not e-mailed).

The deadline for receiving your application is: **5:00 p.m. FRIDAY March 26, 2010.**

Only applications chosen for interviews will be contacted. Personal information is collected pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended to determine eligibility for employment.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL/QUOTATION TENDERS

(1) TENDER FOR REMOVAL OF GEW EAST TO NORTH OFF-RAMP AT CONCESSION ROAD CONTRACT NO. 1S.08QWR

Sealed tenders clearly marked as to content will be received by Carolyn J. Kelt, Town Clerk, Municipal Centre, Fort Erie, Ontario until 2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME on:

Tuesday March 9, 2010

Commencing immediately afterwards on the above date, tenders will be opened publicly at the Fort Erie Town Hall Meeting Room No. 3.

The work consists of removal of the GEW East to North off-ramp at Concession Road, which has become redundant with the construction of the new off-ramp at the Fort Erie Welcome Centre. The project includes but is not limited to:

- Removal of asphalt pavement, full depth 500 m3
- Storm sewer, 300 mm dia. 90 m
- Earthworks 8500 m3
- Superpave asphalt 6001 m3
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- Concrete curb and gutter 500 m
- Removal of overhead sign support structure

Tender documents and drawings may be picked up at the Town of Fort Erie Infrastructure Services Department, Town Hall, commencing Monday, February 22, 2010 on payment of twenty six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$26.25) non-refundable cash or cheque payable to the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie.

As of February 22, 2010, tender documents and drawings may be viewed at the Town of Fort Erie Infrastructure Services Department, and at the Niagara Construction Association, 34 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

Note: Only MTD HADS registered contractors will be accepted for this contract.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all tenders and has the right to accept any tender without being bound by it.

Please direct questions to David Sinker, AMEC Earth & Environmental at 905-335-2353.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Home Show coming to Ridgeway in May

What do a home show, car show, concert and a rich fest have in common? They will all be taking place under one roof Saturday and Sunday May 8th and 9th in Ridgeway.

The Kinsmen of Ridgeway-Crystal Beach have taken it upon themselves to bring back the

home show to Greater Fort Erie, but with an added twist. This year's home show will also feature a car show on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., plus a two-day concert featuring numerous local bands and entertainers. Add to this great food including a hot fest food on Saturday, and this

will be the largest in Fort Erie next to the Friendship Festival.

"We believe Fort Erie needs this" said Derrick McGulgan, event chair of the event. "It's a big event, but we believe we can make it work".

There is still some hoath

space available for the home show, and those interested are invited to call Derrick McGulgan at (905) 394-2500 for details. The early bird pricing deadline is February 28 and the final deadline for

hoaths is March 15, 2010. Proceeds from the event will go toward numerous charities and community groups through donations from the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen. The Ridgeway/Crystal

Beach Kinsmen is a non-profit organization made up of dedicated volunteers that donate money and time to various charities and community groups throughout Greater Fort Erie.

Rotary Club supporting Shelter Box program

The Fort Erie Rotary Club wants the local community to join in its effort to support the people of disaster stricken countries through the International Shelter Box Initiative.

Since beginning in England over ten years ago, the program has been supported by individual Rotary Clubs all

over the globe, with 3,300 participating out of 35,000.

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Police believe escaped convict may return to Niagara area

The Niagara Regional Police (NRP) are warning residents to keep an eye out for an escaped convict who has ties to the Niagara area.

On February 11th, between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Aaron (aka "Owen") England escaped from Beaver Creek Federal Institution located in Gravenhurst.

Investigation revealed that he was likely picked up by a vehicle and left the area.

England was serving a 10-year sentence for criminal organization and counterfeit money

related charges that were a result of Project Bulldog in 2005. Project Bulldog was a large police operation that involved many police services, including the NRP.

England has ties to St. Catharines and the Niagara region and may have returned to the area.

He is 32 years old, 5'6", 155 lbs, has brown hair, blue eyes and has a scar on his right hand.

He should not be approached under any circumstances and anyone with information regarding his where-

abouts is urged to contact Crime Stoppers.

To leave an anonymous tip or information, please contact Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Calls are not electronically recorded or traced, and Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display. Crime Stoppers can also be accessed on the Internet at www.crimestoppers-niagarafire.com or through mobile texting by sending a message to CRIMES (274637) with the text reading: NIAGARA and then the message.

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Maritime historian with local connection passes at 85

Tony Ricciolo
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If it wasn't for E. Harvey Holzworth Jr., there would probably be no SS Canadiana propeller memorial display at the Waterfront Park in Crystal Beach.

"He worked hard to try and salvage as much of the Canadiana as he could. In fact, he was the ship captain or the salvage master when the Canadiana was towed from Buffalo into Port Colborne for the last time where it was eventually chopped up into pieces," said Paul Kassay of Crystal Beach, who knew him quite well and described him as a gruff, not always an easy person to deal with, but certainly a great persuader.

"He could talk people into things that you would never imagine. We have to give him credit, because a lot of the things happen and we were able to get part of the Canadiana here," said Kassay. "He was in the marine business and would salvage marine artefacts and it could be anything from a ship wreck to a train station. I remember him buying a train station in Severn the one time. He collected a lot of stuff," said

Kassay.

Holzworth, who was considered to be a fountain of information on maritime history and waterfront development, died Feb. 8, at his home in Buffalo. He was 85.

Born in Pittsburgh, his family moved to Buffalo when he was an infant. He attended School 22, Nichols School and Rochester Polytechnic Institute. He left college to join the Navy during the Second World War and played football for a number of service teams.

Later, he worked for his father's company, Frontier Bronze Corp., in Niagara Falls, where he helped to develop the aluminum pipe wrench. He also started Buccaneer Marine and was credited with salvaging more than 100 boats over the years.

Holzworth also had a home in Port Erie and is remembered for his 1926 Alameda Fox Pumper fire engine, which he drove in parades and used to give children rides, and a Second World War era amphibious landing boat he used for rescue, salvage and dock-moving operations.

"He really wanted to get the Canadiana going again, but it didn't work out," said Kassay. "He managed to get the engine removed and had it

trucked over to Buffalo where I think it is sitting somewhere in a museum. It was a huge engine."

The SS Canadiana was the last passenger vessel to be built in Buffalo. It was launched at the Buffalo Dry Dock in 1910 and plied the waters of the Great Lakes until 1956.

"Harvey was quite a character," said Rick Doan, a history buff who worked on putting together the propeller display.

He recalled the propeller only had two blades and when he asked Holzworth about it was told one blade was in the Buffalo harbour and the other was planted in his garden.

"He reluctantly gave it up," said Doan, who was told it only weighed about 500 pounds, but it turned out to be more like 2,000 pounds and very difficult to move.

"I broke two winches putting it onto my father's trailer and going down the road the wheels were tilted out. I thought the trailer was going to snap in half."

While many people think he was the last captain of the Canadiana, Doan said that was a story that circulated for years, but it really wasn't the case. When the Canadiana was moved for the last time, it could not be steered, so he wasn't really the captain.

Doan said Holzworth was an avid antique collector and dealer. He also had a home on Point Abino Road.



Harvey Holzworth Jr. is seen with the engine that was removed from the SS Canadiana. He died on Feb. 8th in Western New York.

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Chris Rowlands and Enzo Herrera of Amber Reigns perform at Sessions on the River last weekend during a benefit concert for four-year-old Alivia Vanderklei. The Fort Erie girl suffers from a form of abdominal cancer and all of the proceeds from the show went to her family to help pay for some of the costs.

Mat Day The Times

Heavy metal and fundraising. Two things that you normally don't see work together too often.

But last Friday the two items on opposite ends of the spectrum came together and raised about \$500 for a Fort Erie girl.

Hosted at Sessions on the River, some local bands teamed up to help raise the money for four-year-old Alivia Vanderklei who is suffering from a form of abdominal cancer which has now moved to her brain.

"It's always a gratifying thing to help out

someone in a bind whenever we can," said guitarist and vocalist Enzo Herrera for the Fort Erie based rock band Amber Reigns. "I've always believed in charity work and it works for us because at the same time we are helping to build a bigger fan base."

Three bands — Face the Band from Welland and Peoria and Amber Reigns from Fort Erie — played throughout the night in front of a crowd of about 75 inside the music studio on the Niagara Boulevard.

The concert's organizer, Lloyd McGuigan, said he

decided to do a benefit show after hearing about the hardships the Vanderklei family was going through.

"It hit me pretty hard because I have kids too and I couldn't even imagine what it must be like," said McGuigan, whose son Nick also plays in Amber Reigns.

He said being a positive role model within the community is something he tries to pass on to his son and that's why he joined the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen club.

So far his son's band has picked up on that mentality as Amber Reigns is frequently asked to perform charity shows around Niagara.

Herrera said it was nice to see an energetic crowd in front of them, but what was more important was for fans to remember

why the show was organized.

Alivia's grandfather, Tony Vanderklei, said the \$500 would be going towards traveling expenses as Alivia is staying at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton. Her parents, Craig and Chantal, are constantly traveling to see her.

"It means a heck of a lot to see the solidarity in action," he said. "We are humbled and we wish we could do more with it because the ultimate goal is to get a successful healing."

As for Alivia, she has already gone through three chemotherapy treatments and two radiation treatments and two major operations, all before the age of five. "She's a fighter though and we'll get through this," said Tony.

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Brick

To people who ride simply through their horses along the Friendship Trail and don't clean up after they finish digesting their feed. It's bad enough we have this problem all over town with dog owners but when we're dealing with a horse, people simply need to think a little bit more about the mess being created.

Bouquet

To everyone who has been showing their Canadian pride since the Olympic Games started. Even though they are being held on the other side of our vast country, it several items of garbage still hits very close to home.

Brick

To the person who submitted a brick last week about having to chase dogs off her property and the fact that her dog is in heat. I agree, it is a nuisance having someone else's pet harass your

own but if you got her spayed, it will probably bring some simplifying.

Bouquet

To groups and organizations who hold fundraisers for a variety of causes. Whether it is for a non-profit organization or a family going through a tough time, you deserve a pat on the back.

Brick

To the lady who gave me a dirty look when she noticed me catching her littering in a store parking lot. After she finished giving me an icy stare, she continued to throw out of her ear onto the ground. That's a terrible thing to do.

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To everyone who will be participating in the Fort Erie Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids game this weekend. It is really a great cause for some great kids.

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A spicy batch



Fort Erie Secondary School Hospitality and Tourism program students Kelly Plato, left, and Ashley Maulucci preparing a batch of chili that was entered into the St. Catharines Downtown Chili Cookoff yesterday. Last year, the school placed third in the people's choice category.

A lovely luncheon



Bowen Road Women's Institute (BRWI) president Sue Briscoe, left, and member Audrey Sims at the annual BRWI Valentine's Day Luncheon at the People's Memorial United Church in Ridgeway. The local women's group that has been in existence for over 100 years is always looking for new members.

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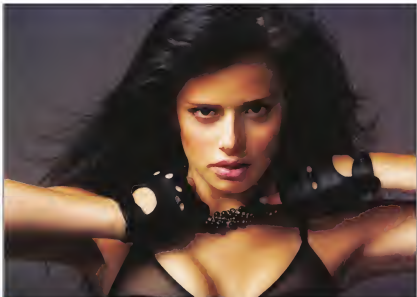
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Local teen ready for all the glitz and glamour



Matt Day
The Times

Growing up as a child, watching TV was more than just a form of entertainment for Rachel Sellan.

"I always used to dream of being really famous and was inspired by great actors and actresses I saw on television. I just honestly feel like I was born to do this."

The 19-year-old Fort Erie teen is currently a Niagara College student taking Acting for Film and Television and has already begun to make waves in the industry.

After countless auditions for all kinds of different companies, Sellan has already appeared in campaigns for Heineken and Toronto's Red Hot Condos. She's also filmed a Welcome to Success promotional video for her school and just last week filmed the introduction

for a new Slice TV series called Princess.

She said she believes all of her hard work is slowly starting to pay off and now that she's got her foot in the door, things can only get better.

"People say they want to be successful and all that, but I really do want this. I want to be a big name," she said.

It hasn't always been easy for the energetic teen, though.

When she first decided to really pursue her dream of being a model or actor, her first audition wasn't anything she expected.

She was told she didn't quite have what it takes, but that didn't stop her.

In 2008, she attended an International Presentation of Performers event in Vancouver and earned not only the actress of the year award, but caught the eye of all sorts of modelling agencies.

She even received a standing ovation from the audience after performing a monologue portion of my life, I felt on top

of the world."

She signed with New York-based MMG model and talent management and since has had audition after audition.

With all of the success comes the hardships of the business, but Sellan thanks her mom, Lise, for keeping her level-headed.

"This business is so tough and sometimes I just want to let go because it would be so much easier, but she always makes me see the positive side," she said. "This is all I've ever wanted to do and she knows that."

Sellan said the good definitely outweighs the bad and couldn't imagine doing anything else.

"This isn't a job. It doesn't feel like it at all because every morning I wake up and think, 'this is exactly what I want for the rest of my life.'"

All of the gigs Sellan has landed so far have come from companies just looking at her comp card.

Her next goal is to land a role for something she actually has to audition for. Once that happens, she said she believes it will be a huge wall lifted off her shoulders.

Sellan will be graduating from her program in April and said she plans on moving to Toronto soon after to be closer to all of the action.

Fort Erie's own Rachel Sellan has begun to make a name for herself in the entertainment business at the age of 19. She's been featured in ad campaigns by big name companies such as Heineken and Hot Condos and is poised to make a splash in the industry with her upbeat, energetic attitude. The Niagara College student recently just finished shooting the introduction for Slice TV's upcoming television series entitled Princess.

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High school hosts Zone 3 wrestling championships

Fort Erie wrestlers continue to impress in the high school circuit, advance to SOSSA finals

Matt Day The Times

When Kenny Reichelt stepped onto the mat for his wrestling match during the Zone 3 finals held at Fort Erie Secondary School (FESS) Wednesday, the hometown heavyweight favourite made no mistake in showing why he is one of the best in Canada.

Having already won a gold medal at the Canada Summer Games last year with Team Ontario, Reichelt said he prepared for this match as if it was a practice.

"I could have won in the first round, but it's not often I get the chance to wrestle against other guys so I wanted this to be more of a learning experience."

Rather than taking a sure win in the first round, a rather confident Reichelt admitted to

taking the match to a second round to gain as much valuable experience heading into the upcoming Southern Ontario Secondary Schools Association (SOSSA) next week in Hagersville.

Reichelt is again the odds on favourite to advance to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association beginning March 4 in Tillsonburg.

Joining Reichelt in the SOSSA championships will be his teammates Oral Corre who finished second place in the 64 kilogram weight class, David Dortono who finished third place in the 89 kilogram weight class and Melissa Ott who finished first out of two wrestlers in the unlimited class.

Corre, a Grade 11 student at FESS, came within one bout of finishing first but was beaten in the championship match against Beamsville's Brendon Sosa.

"I'm taking this as a moral victory," he said, although admitting he was disappointed in not getting the gold. "I now know what I have to improve on next week for SOSSA and I'll work on that in practice."

Coach Dean Gibson said the amount of suc-

cess Fort Erie has had during its short tenure in the wrestling circuit has helped turn the school into one of the powerhouse contenders in just a couple of years.

He said he feels really lucky to have such raw talent join the program and buy into what he is teaching.

"It builds our credibility up as a school. These athletes are going out there and giving it all they have and their hard work in practice definitely shows off."

He said it was an easy decision to make to host the Zone 3 finals for the first time when the opportunity was presented to the school.

"Everything went extremely well today. We had the chance to show off our school to other Niagara high schools and the wrestlers were impressed with how things were run."

The event ran all day inside the school with the top four contenders in each division advancing to Wednesday's SOSSA championships.



Fort Erie wrestler Oral Corre, left, tries to take down his opponent Brendon Scott of Beamsville during the 64 kilogram weight class Zone 3 championships held at Fort Erie Secondary School on Wednesday. Corre ended up finishing in second place.



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Peewee	11-12	1998-1999	\$250	\$225	11 AM - 12 PM
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Midget	15-16	1994-1995	\$250	\$225	1 PM - 2 PM
Intermediate	17-21	1969 to 1993	\$250	\$225	2 PM - 3 PM

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Atom champions



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Meteors drop two, barely stay out of last place

After coming off one of their biggest wins of the year two weeks ago against Niagara Falls, the Fort Erie Meteors struggled to carry that momentum on in their next two games, losing both.

Struggling to stay ahead of the Wheatfield Blades in the Golden Horseshoe

Conference, the Meteors dropped a crucial game to the lone American team in the league last Thursday losing 4-2.

The following night they travelled to St. Catharines to play a team they potentially could be playing in the first round of the playoffs and got demolished 9-2 by

the powerhouse Falcons.

Head coach Yvan Charrois has said before the last thing the team wants is to play St. Catharines in the first round, but that would mean staying ahead of Wheatfield as every team in the eight-team conference makes playoffs.

Charrois said he believes the team would fare better against Stoney Creek or Thorold as they have had success against those clubs, but none against the Falcons.

With only three games left in the regular season schedule, the Meteors control their own fate heading into playoffs as they currently hold a one-point lead on the last-placed Blades.

Fort Erie's schedule certainly isn't as favourable as

they may have hoped either. They played Niagara Falls last night with results not available by press time and will face Port Colborne, St. Catharines again and Stoney Creek to finish up the season.

Tonight's game is against Port Colborne and it is the Fort Erie junior B Meteors annual kids night.

Children 12 and under will get in free and there are all sorts of prizes to be won in many raffle draws taking place.

The Meteors are hoping to have one of their biggest crowds of the year as they need all the support they can get when they take on their Highway 3 rivals to the west in hopes of widening the gap in the standings. Game time is 7:45 p.m.

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Announcements/greetings
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Many Thanks
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Deaths
ARENDS, Werner Heinrich - At the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Friday February 12th, 2010 in his 84th year. Loving husband of 85 years to Ingeborg Arends. Sadly missed by daughters Angelika (Jan), Karin (Axe) and Heidi (Mark). Proud Grandfather of John, Jeannette, Martin, Caroline, Alexander, Justin, Karsten and Joshua. Sadly missed by his great grandchildren. Predeceased by his grandson Colin and his brothers and sisters. Werner was employed at Custom Pharmaceuticals (Pathcon) as the Maintenance Manager. An active and proud member of the Scouts Canada. Werner earned his Wood Badge becoming a Gilwell Recipient, and went on to serve as scoutmaster and in various leadership positions including Spill Rock District President. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. In keeping with Werner's wishes cremation has taken place. If so desired, donations to Scouts Canada or the St. Luke's Lutheran Church rebuilding fund would be appreciated by the family.

BODIS, Elizabeth (nee Szarka) - passed away at Champlain Manor, Orillia, with her son by her side, on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, in her 86th year. Daughter of the late Steve & Barbara Szarka. Elizabeth, beloved wife of the late Louis Boda. Loving mother of Leslie (Susan) Boda of Orillia. Also loved by her dear grandson Michael Boda of Ottawa. Dear sister of Steve Szarka (predeceased) and Mary (Gudo) Zanotto of Fort Erie. Survived by her nieces Angela Zanotto of Kitchener-Waterloo, Christine Zanotto of London, Rosalind (Jake) Audet of Gresham and Patricia Hoffman of London. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Warrimour, on Saturday, February 20, 2010. If desired, memorial donations to the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Mundell Funeral Home, 79 West St. N., Orillia. Messages of condolence are welcomed at www.mundellfuneralhome.com.

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Please God, just let her know
That we down here do not forget,
We loved and miss her so.*

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Deaths
BOLKENY, Steve Sr (Istvan) - On Sunday February 14th, 2010, Steve Sr. passed away in his 88th year. He was born in Hungary. Predeceased by his wife Julia, his daughter-in-law Anne Bolkeny and his older brother in Hungary, Laszlo. Dear father of Steve Jr. and Louis, Christine, and daughter of Louis Jr., Andrew and Katrina. Family received friends at the **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Rd. N. Ridgeway, on Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 followed by a graveside service at 11:00 o'clock at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Beach.

KENT, W Gary - Walter Gary Kent, passed away at the Welland County Hospital on Sunday, February 14th, 2010 in his 85th year. Loving husband of Ellen May. Proud father of Norman Gary (Katherine) Kent, Bryan David (Catherine) Kent and Kenneth Blair (Marlene) Kent. Christened grandfather of Nicholas (Katherine), Michelle (Jay), Sandi, Sarah (Michael), Laura, Lori, Gary, Angela (Luke) and great granddaughter Madeilyn. Beloved brother of Edwin Louis (Marlene) Kent. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, friends and extended family including his two sisters in law, Catherine (David) Thiel and Jane (Don) Dornoff and Gary (Heather) Wilson. Predeceased by his brother William (Margaret) and his sister Caroline (Walter). Gary retired from Brewsters Warehousing after nearly 40 years. He was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, a member of Palmer Masonic Lodge #372 A.F. & A.M. He loved spending time with his family at their cottage in Sauble Beach. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Tuesday from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Interment followed in St. Paul's Cemetery. A Masonic service was held on Tuesday evening. If so desired, donations to St. Paul's Anglican Church Memorial Fund or the charity of your choice, would be appreciated by the family.

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Announcements

Deaths

MERRIN, Ellen Frances (née O'Rourke) - BA, Queen's '39, B.E. OCE '40 - Born July 16, 1916 at Syracuse, N.Y. Died February 17, 2010 at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. Only child of the late Charlotte Cecilia Wormwood and James Joseph O'Rourke, Fort Erie, Ontario. Wife of the late Henry John Merrin (1987). Much loved and respected by son Henry James (Jay) Merrin and his wife Susan Reid and their family Patrick, Holly, Laura and Megan Merrin. Also daughter of the late John and Mary Otsuka, Jeffrey and Erin Merrin, and daughter Patricia Ellen (Patti) Merrin and grand-daughters Dr. Coleen O'Rourke West and Bridget Merrin Best, Chantal Best, Chantal O'Rourke. Widely-recognized for her lifelong contributions to many communities of which she was a part. Ellen was honoured with Queen's Harbert Hamilton 'Herbie' award for Exceptional Alumna Achievement, Town of Fort Erie Outstanding Citizen Award and the OGSST Graduate Specialists' Lifetime Achievement Award, among others. Ellen began her 33-year teaching career at Vaughan Road Collegiate and spent more than two decades as Head of Guidance at Fort Erie Secondary School, the school from which she herself had graduated in 1936. Ellen was an exceptional mother, devoted grandmother, an exemplary professional, feminist, an avid gardener in the tradition of her mother and grandmother, a lifelong draftee, lover of music, history and literature, and best friend of, advocate for and example to many - above all, her family. The family is especially grateful to Patricia Moore and Pamela O'Rourke, whose abiding companionship provided vitality and comfort which greatly enhanced Ellen's landscape. Friends wishing to remember Ellen, who was a generous supporter of so many fine causes during her lifetime, may wish to donate to any of those in which they worked together or to McElen Gagne, P.O. Box 375, Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2N1 or the Ellen Merrin Fund at Queen's University, 99 University Ave., Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6, or <http://givevolunteers.ca/ellenmerrin>. The funeral will recede in the morning of Sunday, February 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. at 92 Birch Ave., Toronto M4V 1C8. On Monday, February 22, at noon, a memorial service, with reception to follow, will take place at the **HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME**, 21 Winnetrie Street, Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2N7. Interment will follow at historic McElen Cemetery, on the banks of the Niagara.

Deaths

MOORE, Isabel Lord - It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Isabel Moore at the Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie on February 15th, 2010 in her 54th year. Isabel was predeceased by her first husband Ben Bacon and her second husband Roy Moore. She will be sadly missed by her loving daughter, Maryloue (Thomas) Yasko, her grandchildren Jeffrey Yasko and Lindsay (Alexia) Riemer, Stephanie Cheryl (Robert) Traven and David Moore and step grandchildren Victor and Patrick. Predeceased by her brother Donald Gadsby. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie, Ontario will be managing the funeral services friends on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services were held on Friday at the Benner Funeral Chapel. If so desired, donations to the Garrison Rd. United Brethren Church or the Douglas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

PAGE, Donald L. - 1935 - 2010. Beloved husband of Elizabeth passed away at his home on Douglas St. in Fort Erie February 16, 2010 surrounded by his wife Elizabeth and son Tom Cowie, predeceased by son Gordon Cowie (2009). He will be missed by many friends and family, especially by his sister Dorcas Buck. At his request cremation has taken place and an interment will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, Ridgeway, ON 905-694-0120.

PALMER, William Henry (Bill) - On Monday, February 15th, 2010, William passed away suddenly at the Greater Niagara General Hospital, at the age of 84, predeceased by his wife Dorothy (2005) and his daughter Carol (1989). Dear Father of David (Nancy), Margaret (Cesar) Saporsantonio, Thomas (Maria), Chuck (Wendy) Jagello and Gregory Lou. Cherished grandfather of Danny, Scott, Lauren, Megan, Tyler, Shannon, Jon, Sarah, Michelle, Stephanie, Olive, Brandon, Kelsey and Tristan. Survived by his loving companion Janet Henry, his brother-in-law Tony (Helen) Flanore and many nephews and nieces. William was one of the founding members of Ontario's Teachers' Association, long-time teacher at Fort Erie High School and a member of the Fort Erie Lions Club. Family received friends at the **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway, from 7-9 Wednesday and 2-4 and 7-9 Thursday. The funeral service was held at Peoples Memorial United Church, 108 Ridge Road North, on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Cremation followed with a family interment at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery at a later time. Those who wish may make a memorial donation to the charity of their choice.

Deaths

SENIER, Jeremy - It is with great sadness that the family of Jeremy Senier announces his passing at his residence on Sunday February 14, 2010 at the age of 28. Beloved son of Sean and Sharon Senier. Cherished brother of Shaina Senier and loving father of Laci. Best friend and partner of Dana Varga and special friend to Kathy. Deeply loved uncle and best buddy to Colin. Lovingly remembered by his grandparents James and Florence MacLeod and William and Joyce Senier. Sadly missed by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Friends are invited to call at the **PATTERSON FUNERAL HOME**, 6062 Main St. Niagara Falls, visiting Wednesday 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. A Funeral Service in celebration of his life will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation will follow. On-line condolences at www.pattersonfuneralhome.com



TEAL, James Austin - Jim Teal, 71, passed away Thursday, February 4, 2010, at Vaca Valley Hospital, Fairfield, Ca, due to complications from surgery. James was born on May 28, 1938, in Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, to Austin and Margaret (Sauer) Teal, both deceased. Jim proudly served in the US Air Force, retiring in 1975 after 22 years of service. He later retired from Miral Island Naval Shipyard where he worked as a machinist.

Card of thanks
THANK YOU
The family of the late Janet Conhisser would like to thank the staff of Gilmore Lodge for all the love and care she received for the last 2 years. We would also like to thank Dr. Che for his care and attention she was given.
Thank you,
Ken, Bev and Greg Conhisser.

In memoriam

CURTIS
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Fort Erie was a beacon to many people a century and a half ago. Guided to Canada by the light of the North Star, men, women and children of African heritage sought refuge from lives shackled by the bonds of slavery.

The Underground Railroad brought them to Fort Erie after a long trek through territory where they could be hunted down and brought back to their master. After crossing the Niagara River, they were free to begin their new lives.

Black Heritage Month is being celebrated this weekend at Historic Bertie Hall — a reputed 19th century safe house for freedom seekers.

The Mahoney Dolls House Gallery and Fort Erie Heritage Arts are hosting a "Celebration of Our Past, Present and Future" this Saturday and Sunday.

Exhibits of artifacts from the Norville Johnson Heritage Library and the Bertie Hall Basement will be featured along with special guests, Maja Bannerman of the Willoughby Historical Museum and artists Sue Bonafacio and Les Drysdale.

Mr. Drysdale will unveil a maquette — a scaled mock up — of the life-sized bronze sculpture he has been commissioned to create for installation in Freedom Park, the historic location of the Bertie Street ferry landing.

Exhibits are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Speakers will make their presentations at 2 p.m.

Donations will be accepted at the door with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Fort Erie Haitian Relief Effort.



Niagara's Freedom Trail begins in Fort Erie, and re-enactors annually recreate crossing the Niagara River from the United States. Photo courtesy of Eve Salter.



A well-known landmark, Bertie Hall houses the Mahoney Dolls House Gallery and artifacts from the period when it is reputed to have been a haven for refugees from slavery.

Sculpture to mark landing location

Sculptor Les Drysdale of Hamilton hopes his art will serve an important educational function about the history of North America, Niagara and Fort Erie.

Mr. Drysdale was commissioned following an international request for proposals to create a monument to the Underground Railroad which weaved through Fort Erie and was a trail to freedom for former slaves in the U.S.

Seded with a \$50,000 grant from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, the Town of Fort Erie marched those funds to begin the work. Further fundraising is underway to meet the \$300,000 goal.

A mock up has been created, and Mr. Drysdale is able to show (in the picture at right)

how the sculpture will appear after installation in Freedom Park at the site of the historic Bertie Street ferry landing.

This is an ambitious project and only the second publicly-commissioned artwork in Ontario that celebrates this important facet of Canadian history.

Mr. Drysdale is no stranger to ambitious public projects, having created the sculpture of electricity pioneer Nikola Tesla in Victoria Park in Niagara Falls and other important works in Stoney Creek, Toronto and elsewhere.

Donations for this project can be made to the Town of Fort Erie. For more information contact Glenda at (905) 871-1600 ex. 2501.

